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Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.136, applicants hereby petition that the period for replying to the Examiner's Action mailed July 20, 2000, be extended for three months to and including January 22, 2001, since January 20th falls on a Saturday.

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